



ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Home of the Franciscans of Halifax

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 22, 2022

CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION



Next Sunday, May 29th, at the 11:00 am Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion. We ask for your prayers for our six candidates who have been preparing for this special day –Daniella D’Castro, Nora Edwards, Elijah Irish, Zamar MacDonald, Emma MacIntyre and Bea Tarulli. A reception will take place following Mass in the Church Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend this celebration.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 24th, 12:00 Noon Mass – Michael Aloisi

Saturday, May 28th, 9:00 am Mass – Sampson Family

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA BURSARIES

Bursaries & Scholarships



Bursaries are awarded to parishioners of St. Catherine’s Church who are entering a full year of

post-secondary studies, university, trade school or community college with special consideration given to those students who are active in our worshipping community. Applications are available through the Parish Office or contact Donna at donna.noddin@gmail.com. The deadline for applications is **June 15th**.

ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH - FINANCIAL NEWS UPDATE



January to March 2022-First Quarter Financial Results

Our first quarter parish results are considerably worse than the comparable 2021 period with a loss of \$47,000 vs \$22,000.

Ordinary revenue is down by \$14,000 with most of that drop from Envelopes. This drop is almost made up in the new revenue of Residence Rent for the

Jesuits at St. Mother Teresa. Expenses are up by \$31,000. Large increases are in the areas of heating and snow plowing. Please consider your parish community in your regular monthly expenses. Your comments, questions and suggestions about parish finances are welcome.

PAPAL VISIT TO CANADA



We are excited to welcome Pope Francis to Canada this summer as he makes a pilgrimage of healing, reconciliation, and hope.

On Friday, May 13th, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis will make a pastoral visit to Canada from July 24th to 29th, 2022 during which he will make stops in Edmonton, Quebec City, and Iqaluit. The Canadian Conference of Bishops sent out a media release on Friday which you can read by visiting: <https://www.cccb.ca/>. Exact details around programming, events, and Masses will be forthcoming.

This pastoral visit will be different from papal visits of the past. This is a pastoral visit with a purpose. The Holy Father is making a pilgrimage of healing, reconciliation, and hope regarding residential schools. His focus will be to be present to the Indigenous Peoples of this land as best he can, given his advanced age and limited mobility.

If you would like to follow how this historic pilgrimage will unfold, visit: www.papalvisit.ca. Let us pray for Pope Francis, the Indigenous People of this land, and all who are involved in this historic visit.

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS - PART 9 FROM THE DIOCESE



Starting in the early 1990's, Catholic dioceses and religious orders that were directly involved in staffing the federal government's residential

schools have issued apologies for their involvement in them. In the words of the apology made by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, who oversaw a large portion of the federal residential schools operated by Catholic entities, "The biggest abuse was not what happened in the schools, but that the schools themselves happened", citing the premise that underlay their very existence was wrong and injurious to the rights and dignity of Canada's Indigenous People. This, together with the many abuses the children endured -- sexual abuse being the worst among them, has been a source of scandal and betrayal to both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Peoples alike.

In 2018, in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Report's call for a formal apology by the Pope on Canadian soil, work began to organize a delegation of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Leaders to meet with Pope Francis in Rome. Work was well on the way for a Fall meeting in 2020 when the pandemic halted all plans. The meeting did happen from March 28 to April 1, 2022. The delegation consisted of residential school survivors, Indigenous leadership, elders, and youth representing First Nations, Métis, and Inuit. Each of the groups had their own private audience with the Pope. On April 1, 2022, Pope Francis apologized for the Catholic Church's role in Canada's residential school system. The Holy Father expressed "sorrow and shame" for the abuse and lack of respect for Indigenous identities, culture, and spiritual values in the residential school system. Since this visit, the Vatican has announced that the Pope will travel to Canada to make a pilgrimage of healing, reconciliation, and hope in late July 2022.

The Catholic Bishops of Canada, each in their own diocese, are tasked with putting their words into action and continue the work of reconciliation among Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Peoples alike. Front and centre will be the sharing of any outstanding relevant files having to do with residential schools, the outstanding discussion on restitution and compensation, and the building of a more respectful relationship built on trust.

For more information on the relationship between the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and the local Mi'kmaq community go to: www.halifaxyarmouth.org/mi-kmaq-community

VISIT OF THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO CANADA:

MAY 31, 2022



Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič, the Apostolic Nuncio (papal ambassador) to Canada, will be coming to Halifax to bestow the

Pallium on Archbishop Dunn on Tuesday, May 31, 2022. A Ceremony of Bestowal will take place during a special Mass that day at 3:00 pm at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. Archbishop Dunn invites all to join him for this celebration. Please save the date and spread the word!

What is a Pallium? When an archbishop is appointed to a new archdiocese, he requests a pallium from the Holy See. The pallium is a scarf, or stole-like vestment that is worn over the chasuble when the archbishop celebrates Mass. This is a symbol of an archbishop's unity with the Pope and his authority, and his responsibility to care for the flock the Pope entrusted to him.

When viewed from the front or the back, the pallium resembles the letter "Y." It is white, with six black crosses. Three of those crosses, the ones on the front, back, and left shoulder, are ornamented with a gold pin, symbolizing the three nails of Christ's crucifixion.

Some of the white wool of the pallium comes from two lambs that are blessed each year by the Holy Father on January 21st, the Feast of St. Agnes. In addition, each of the pendants that hang in front and back are tipped with black satin, resembling the hoof of a lamb; thus, the imagery being that of the archbishop, the chief shepherd of the diocese, carrying a lamb on his shoulders, in imitation of Christ the Good Shepherd.

STEWARDSHIP



There are a number of ways you can donate.

Visit: <https://saintcatherineofsiena.ca/donate> to see how to donate by electronic fund transfer, mail or how to sign up for pre-authorized payments. Please be assured that any donations received will be

assigned to your account and income tax receipts will be issued. Thank you for your continued generosity!

DIOCESAN NEWS:

RECONCILIATION FUND COLLECTION: JUNE 4TH – 5TH, 2022



In recent years, the Archdiocese has held a diocesan Mission Collection in June. This year, the Mission Collection is being replaced with a Reconciliation

Fund Collection to be held the weekend of June 4th – 5th, 2022.

In October 2021 the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), made a financial pledge of \$30 million to develop programs and initiatives that would promote healing, reconciliation, and education in the relationship between Indigenous communities and the Church. Dioceses across Canada, including ourselves, have made commitments to this pledge. Above and beyond this pledge, Archbishop Dunn knows there is a need for support within our local Church. To answer those needs, we will take up a Reconciliation Fund Collection for funds that will be used locally to walk with the local Mi'kmaq.

The goal of the collection is to support Mi'kmaq communities in Nova Scotia as part of the Archdiocese's ongoing response to the recommendations to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action. Archbishop Dunn is working with Mi'kmaq leadership to discern the best way these funds can be used.

Please prayerfully consider your contribution to the upcoming important collection. If you are a registered parishioner at one of our parishes, you will receive a direct mail piece about the Reconciliation Fund Collection in the coming weeks.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Are you looking for a way to make a difference in the world? Have you ever considered working for the Church? The Archdiocese of

Halifax-Yarmouth is looking for a variety of people to share their gifts with our people and parishes. Current listings include: a Project Coordinator for the Emergency Shelters, and a Cook. To find out details about these jobs, check out our Employment Opportunities by visiting the Human Resources page on the diocesan website: www.halifaxyarmouth.org

PARISH LIVESTREAM MASS LINK:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured>

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ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH: office@saintcatherineofsiena.ca www.saintcatherineofsiena.ca			
<u>ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA</u> 6476 Bayers Road Sunday-11:00 am & 7:00 pm Weekday-Tues. 12:00 noon	<u>ST. MOTHER TERESA'S</u> 6032 Normandy Drive Sat. 4:00 pm; Sun. 11:15 am Weekday-Fri. 9:00 am	<u>ST. PATRICK'S</u> 2263 Brunswick Street Sunday-9:30 am Weekday-Thurs. 5:15 pm	<u>ST. THERESA'S</u> 6351 North Street Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun. 9:30 am Weekday-Wed. 9:00 am
<u>FRANCISCAN OF HALIFAX MASSES CELEBRATED AT ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH:</u> Tuesday to Friday – 7:00 to 7:45 am Mass Saturday – 9:00 am Mass - Morning Prayer will take place at 8:30 am, and Confessions will be heard after Mass			
<u>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/CONFESSION:</u> Monday - 7:30 to 8:30 pm (to participate arrive before 7:30 pm) – St. Theresa's Church Wednesday – after 9:00 am Mass to 4:30 pm with Benediction - St. Theresa's Church Wednesday – 1 st Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm – Exposition/Adoration/Confession– St. Mother Teresa's Church Thursday – Franciscans of Halifax hold Confessions - 7:30 pm – St. Catherine's Church			
<u>YOUTUBE CHANNELS:</u> Parish - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured Franciscans of Halifax - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L3qlfstB9xXyv2ZMOqc0q/videos			